GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:245
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2003
NHRC SUGGESTION ON GUJARAT RIOTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has sent a three member team to Gujarat to inspect records and examine judgement in the Best Bakery case;

(b) if so, the composition of the team;

(c) the time by which NHRC propose to start the investigation;

(d) whether the Central Government have also given any direction to the State Government about making an appeal against the judgement to the Higher Court;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government propose to handover this and the remaining such cases in Gujarat to CBI as has been suggested by the national Human Rights Commission (NHRC); and

(g) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) deputed a three Member team to Vododara, Gujarat to inspect the records of the `Best Bakery Case`, and all other relevant materials.

(b): The team comprised of the following officials;

(i) Shri Ajit Bharihoke, Registrar (Law), NHRC

(ii) Shri Sudhir Chowdhary, DIG (Inv.), NHRC

(iii) Shri P.G.J. Nampoothiri, Special Rapporteur, NHRC

(c): The team has submitted its interim report to the Commission requesting for more time to translate and examine the materials collected by them in Gujarat. The Commission has taken note of this request and has granted more time for the team to submit the final report. The Commission is yet to pass final orders in this regard.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f) & (g): Law and Order is a State subject. The Central Bureau of Investigation can take up investigation on matters under the jurisdiction of the State Government only if the State Government requests the CBI to do so.The Government of Gujarat has not made any request for handing over the investigation of the case to the CBI.